

because let's face it, without the University, without the Capitol, would there even be a City of Lincoln? This is a government town. And what Lincoln senator in his right mind is going to cut the budget for the University and have all these people that live here saying, my God, look what you did to me. So I commend President Roskens, even though he may not have a Ph.D. in Political Science, for being a better politician than any of us. I think you saw the handout that I gave you for, Need For Recreation Centers Seen By NU Med. Students. In the first paragraph they said they would be willing to pay higher fees if they could have a better recreation center. Those poor kids, right now, all they have, just for the Medical Center students, is one place to meet where there is a basketball court which can be divided into two volleyball courts and they have weights and aerobic rooms downstairs, but they are crowded and poorly ventilated. Now, Senators, think about it. Is that any way to educate our future doctors?

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR HIGGINS: My doctor told me the absolute best exercise in the world is walking. Can't you see that those poor med students need a better recreation center? That's part of their education, learning how to lift weights or do aerobics. So give them the 3 percent and give their recreation center, poor babies. Is that what education is about? That's what it's about, isn't it? Better facilities for playing. Oh, but they need a place to recreate. Let me tell you, in Omaha we've got a lot of places you can go play tennis and raquetball. I remember my brother playing football in the streets and kick the can, but of course, he couldn't afford to go to the University and have a nice recreation center.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Time.

SENATOR HIGGINS: So if they're willing to pay for their own recreation center, let them pay for their own education. Thank you, Mr. President.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Hall, then Senator Warner.

SENATOR HALL: Mr. President and members, Senator Schmit, I know you have told me on more than one occasion that I'm still wet behind the ears and maybe before I'm done here